

Leavenworth County Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today (03-20-2020) at 17:00 PM, the Leavenworth County Health Department (LCHD) reports:

- 38 people tested, with 20 negative results
- 14 pending lab result
- 12 people tested from private labs with all negative results.
- Four (4) total positive cases.

Disinfecting Details Regarding COVID-19

The virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is stable for several hours to days in aerosols and on surfaces, according to a new study from National Institutes of Health. The scientists found that the coronavirus was detectable:

- In aerosols for up to three (3) hours
- Copper up to four (4) hours
- Cardboard up to 24 hours
- Stainless steel and plastic up to 72 hours

The results provide key information about the stability of SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19 disease, and suggests that people may acquire the virus through the air and after touching contaminated objects. This testing is considered preliminary at this point and has not been peer reviewed. This is not meant to invoke fear, but to assist our community in taking every possible precaution in spreading this virus.

Knowledge is power and knowing that information continues to change and this public health outbreak evolves.

Residents experiencing symptoms of fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, should contact the LCHD at (913) 250-2000 with their concerns. Those who have reason to believe they have encountered a person infected with COVID-19 should also utilize that number.

Leavenworth County has created a website dedicated to the dissemination of information relating to COVID-19 (<https://www.leavenworthcounty.gov/covid/default.asp>) and the Health Department's social media platforms. Please visit that website or those belonging to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO) for the most current and reputable information available.